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NAKAI et al.	Art Unit: 1633
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2009, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-14 and add new claims 15-17 as follows: